

ATTACHMENT A – FY2021 SCORING SHEET

(To guide review team discussion)

Project Name: _____

Project Sponsor: _____

Reviewed By: _____

	Max Score	Points
Planning and Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is pre-project planning sufficient to ensure the success of the project? 	(15)	
Community Participation and Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is landowner commitment clearly evident? Does the project involve appropriate partners? Is there significant stakeholder support? 	(10)	
Water Quality Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the project an appropriate next step for making progress towards removing a pollutant/waterbody combination from Montana’s 2018 Impaired Waters list; <i>or</i> Will the project help prevent healthy waterbodies from becoming impaired? Are nonpoint source goals for the project clearly defined, measurable and attainable? Is the project addressing a major local source of NPS pollution? Are project costs reasonable when compared to nonpoint source reduction benefits? 	(25)	
Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the plan include appropriate metrics for evaluating project effectiveness? 	(10)	
Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the project lead to long-term, sustainable reductions in nonpoint source pollution? Will the project promote self-maintaining natural, ecological, and social processes that protect water quality? 	(20)	
Education and Outreach (related to the project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the project have educational benefit? Will the project inspire additional nonpoint source pollution prevention work within the watershed? 	(10)	
Bigger Picture Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefit to additional natural resources (e.g., native fisheries, endangered species, wetlands, etc.). Address climate resiliency and hazard mitigation. Provide direct public recreational access or aesthetic benefit. Reduce pollutant loading above a permitted point source in a manner that could contribute to future economic benefit for a downstream Montana community. Directly help protect a drinking water source. Benefit socially disadvantaged populations. 	(10)	
Total		

Reviewer Comments

DEQ staff will take these comments into consideration when developing final funding recommendations to send to EPA. DEQ may also share your comments, in whole or in part, with project sponsors and the public. Thanks again for giving of your time and knowledge!

Funding Recommendation

FF = Fully Fund, **PF+** = Partial Fund (>50%), **PF-** = Partial fund (<50%), **NF** = Not Fund

Project Comments

Separate Education and Outreach Activities *(fill out only once per applicant)*

If the applicant is requesting funds for education and outreach activities that are not directly tied to an on-the-ground project, please comment on the following:

- Will the activities promote or facilitate future efforts to reduce nonpoint source pollution?
- Do the activities target the most appropriate audience(s) with an appropriate delivery method?

Task and Budget Recommendations